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JOINT STATE/AID MESSAGE

DEPARTMENT FOR AF/W AND AID FOR AFR/SFWA

ROME FOR FODAG

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAID GA

SUBJ: GOTG EMERGENCY FOOD REQUEST - DECLARATION OF DROUGHT

REF: A) BANJUL 0943, B) BANJUL 0964, C) DAKAR 5191, D) BANJUL 1087

1. GOTG HAS BEEN INFORMED BY WFP THAT IT PREPARED TO SUPPLY  
3500 TONS OF FOOD GRAINS IN RESPONSE TO THE GOTG REQUEST OF  
JULY 5. THIS AMOUNT, REPRESENTING THE SHORTAGE OF THE 1976  
CROP, IS SCHEDULED TO BE DELIVERED IN BANJUL BY MID-SEPTEMBER.

2. IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE  
GOTG TOLD EMBOFFS AUGUST 11 THAT THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE  
WOULD WITHIN 2 OR 3 DAYS DECLARE A DROUGHT EMERGENCY FOR THE  
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ENTIRE COUNTRY. THIS EMERGENCY IS FOR THE 1977 CROP YEAR AND  
IS BASED ON A SEVERE SHORTAGE OF RAINFALL. THE SECRETARY  
GENERAL SAID THAT QUOTE ONLY 4 INCHES OF RAIN HAS FALLEN THIS  
YEAR AND 20 INCHES IS NORMAL UNQUOTE.

3. THE SECRETARY GENERAL ALSO SAID THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
MUHAMADU LAMIN SAHO, WHO IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT CANADA FOR THE

COMMONWEALTH MINISTERS CONFERENCE IN LATE AUGUST, HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY THE PRESIDENT TO MEET WITH QUOTE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS UNQUOTE IN BOTH CANADA AND THE US SO THAT THE PRESIDENT'S REQUEST FOR FOOD ASSISTANCE COULD BE MADE. THE EMBASSY WILL BE OFFICIALLY ADVISED OF THE DATES OF VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

4. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT ATTORNEY GENERAL MEET WITH THOMAS SMITH, DIRECTOR OF AF/W, AND DAVID SHEAR, AFR/SFWA. WILL ADVISE AS SOON AS FURTHER DETAILS OF PROPOSED VISIT AND SITUATION CONCERNING DROUGHT ARE AVAILABLE. GRAHL

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